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IMPORT OF LEGACY AIRCRAFT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to import legacy aircraft from Brazil for the V.V.I.Ps;

(b) if so, the main features thereof;

(c) whether in order to assess the quality of the legacy aircraft before their procurement the same will be compared with similar type of aircraft available in other countries; and

(d) the time by which this small size sophisticated aircraft is likely to be procured?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Government is planning to procure Executive Jets for VIP communication duties.The aircraft EMB 135-BJ `Legacy` from M/s. Embraer of Brazil has been shortlisted for this purpose.

(b) The aircraft is a 19 seater small transport aircraft powered by two engines. The aircraft has state-of-art avionics and a glass cockpit.

(c) The Embraer aircraft has been evaluated along with others by Indian Air Force and found suitable for induction.

(d) The delivery of all the aircraft is scheduled to be completed after twenty two months of the conclusion of the contract.